

Dear FCC Regulators, During a recent automobile trip from Ft. Lauderdale, FL to Westport, CT I regularly used XM weather and traffic information for local areas to let me know what I was facing ahead in my drive. As it happened, there were thunderstorms and flooding moving through an area of North Carolina that the information I picked up from XM-Radio helped me stay clear of. XM is accurate, consistent and reliable. I do not have to fiddle around constantly changing stations as I drive across country and the local broadcast feature of XM-radio is invaluable.

On a more fundamental level, I resent the pressure being placed on federal government agencies (e.g. FCC) to advance the commercial interests of one group against the innovative use of technology xm-radio (and other suppliers) are bringing to our country's array of communications services. Isn't it enough that the FCC is reducing broadcast outlets by providing fewer providers greater ownership? Isn't it time to get out of the way of innovation and stop rewarding failed companies and failed approaches? I don't want my government getting in the way of excellence in any form. Focus on bringing this terrible war in Iraq to a safe conclusion - leave XM-radio alone.

Respectfully,
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